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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

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Examiner: L. S. Weiner

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Title: IONIC LIQUIDS II

ELECTION AND AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed February 10, 2003, kindly amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add the following new claim:

--12. A compound according to claim 1, wherein said compound is:

1-ethyl-3-methylimidazolium tris(pentafluoroethyl)trifluorophosphate;

1,2-dimethyl-3-propylimidazolium tris(pentafluoroethyl)trifluorophosphate; or

1-ethyl-3-methylimidazolium tris(nonafluorobutyl)trifluorophosphate.

13. A compound according to claim 12, wherein said compound is 1-ethyl-3-methylimidazolium tris(pentafluoroethyl)trifluorophosphate.--